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FOR DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY LANNON WALKER

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SUBJECT: GOODYEAR-ZAIRE: JOHN PURCELL

FURTHER TO CONVERSATION WITH BILL SWING THIS WILL
CONFIRM THAT GOODYEAR-ZAIRE WILL BE FORCED TO CEASE
MANUFACTURING OPERATIONS ENTIRELY DURING FIRST QUARTER
1979 UNLESS SUBSTANTIAL EXCHANGE ALLOCATIONS FOR RAW
MATERIAL IMPORTS ARE MADE AVAILABLE WITHIN NEXT 30 DAYS.
AID FINANCED RAW MATERIALS STILL IN TRANSIT. WOULD
ONLY SUPPORT CAPACITY OPERATIONS THROUGH DECEMBER.
CAPACITY OPERATION OF GOODYEAR PLANT DESPERATELY
NEEDED TO PREVENT FURTHER DETERIORATION OF MOTORIZED
TRANSPORT SYSTEM OF ZAIRE WHICH WILL COLLAPSE WITHOUT
EARLY REINSTATEMENT FULL PRODUCTION. FURTHERMORE,
WE ESTIMATE ZAIRE PRESENTLY SAVES FROM U.S. DOLS 50 TO
85 DOLS IN FOREIGN EXCHANGE PER 900 - 20 TRUCK TIRE
BY LOCAL MANUFACTURE DUE TO HIGH PERCENTAGE UTILIZATION
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LOCAL NATURAL RUBBER AND LOCAL LABOR. WE REQUIRE
ASSURED AVAILABILITY APPROXIMATELY 2 MILLION DOLS FOREIGN
EXCHANGE AGAINST WHICH TO PLACE RAW MATERIAL ORDERS
WITHIN 30 DAYS TO ENABLE US SCHEDULE AT CAPACITY
SOONEST, AVOID COMPLETE SHUT DOWN FIRST QUARTER 1979,

AND PREVENT NEAR TOTAL PARALYZATION ZAIRIAN TRANSPORT.

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